

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a rotor core to be fixed around a rotary shaft [[,]] comprising the steps of:

constraining an intermediate blank having an axis and multiple magnetic pole claws that protrude coaxially with the blank axis from a circumference of the immediate blank and an inner perimetric surface of the magnetic pole claw; and

applying a forming ~~pressure radially~~ force from a radial direction toward the blank axis and causing a local plastic flow to an outer peripheral end of each of the magnetic pole claw so as to form a tapered surface on only one side of ~~an outer perimeter~~ said outer peripheral end ~~of each of the magnetic pole claws, as viewed in the circumferential direction,~~ and a permanent-magnet fastener on an inner ~~perimetric~~ peripheral end of each of the magnetic pole claws.

2. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and the permanent-magnet fastener are formed by ~~the~~ a same process for applying the applied forming force.

3. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and the permanent-magnet fastener are formed by simultaneously applying ~~[[by]]~~ the ~~applied~~ forming force.

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein a die having multiple component parts constrains ~~and—pressure-forms~~ the intermediate blank and the inner ~~perimetrie~~ peripheral surface of each magnetic pole claw.

5. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and the permanent-magnet fastener are ~~respectively~~ simultaneously formed on sides of each of the magnetic pole claws.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of according to Claim 5, wherein the magnetic pole claws are formed all together while the inner ~~perimetrie~~ peripheral surfaces thereof are simultaneously constrained by a die.

7. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 6, wherein each magnetic pole claw is formed while the inner ~~perimetrie~~ peripheral surface thereof is constrained individually by a die.

8. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising trimming the permanent-magnet fastener~~ is trimmed off any unnecessary portion thereof ~~from the permanent-magnet fastener~~.

9. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the tapered surface and the permanent-magnet fastener are volumetrically adjusted so as to be formed ~~for forming~~ into a predetermined shape.

10. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein ~~joining of~~ the intermediate blank and magnetic pole claw together are joined to be ~~be~~ ~~[[is]]~~ effected by a constraint force applied from the plate portion that operatively associates the magnetic pole claws of the intermediate blank with each other.

11. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a generator, comprising the steps of:

forging a rotor core to be fixed around a facing rotary shaft , constraining by a die an intermediate blank having multiple magnetic pole claws that protrude in the same direction on a circumference of the intermediate blank and an inner ~~perimetrie~~ peripheral surface of the magnetic pole claws~~[[,]]~~ ; and

~~a process of~~ applying a forming pressure ~~in~~ force from a radial direction and causing a local plastic flow to an outer peripheral end of each of the

magnetic pole claw so as to form a tapered surface on only one side of an outer ~~perimetric peripheral end~~ of each of the magnetic pole claws, ~~as viewed in a circumferential direction,~~ and a permanent-magnet fastener on an inner ~~perimetric peripheral~~ end.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the tapered surface and the fastener are formed simultaneously on the inner and outer ~~perimetric peripheral~~ ends ~~in the same circumferential direction,~~ respectively.

13. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 11, wherein the magnetic pole claws are formed all together while at the same time the inner ~~perimetric peripheral~~ surfaces of all magnetic pole claws are constrained.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to Claim 11, wherein each of said magnetic pole claw is formed while the inner ~~perimetric peripheral~~ surface thereof is constrained individually by the die.